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## **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*Group:* 2825 }  
*Confirmation No.:* 3319 }  
*Application No.:* 10/780,990 }  
*Invention:* APPARATUS, SYSTEM, METHOD,  
AND PROGRAM FOR }  
FACILITATING THE DESIGN OF }  
BARE CIRCUIT BOARDS } **DATED: October 27, 2006**  
*Applicant:* Stanley Loren Bentley et al. }  
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### **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006 and contemporaneously with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants submit the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.